
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE MEANS OF ESTABLISHING A
VERMICOMPOSTING INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR HAWAII TAXPAYERS.

1 WHEREAS, vermicomposting is the process of using composting
2 worms to process organic waste or garbage into usable compost;
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5 WHEREAS, vermicomposting is an efficient, cost-effective,
6 and environmentally-friendly method of disposing of organic
7 waste; and
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9 WHEREAS, fifty thousand tons of food waste alone is
10 generated on Oahu annually; and
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12 WHEREAS, if only five thousand households, generating an
13 average of four pounds of food waste per week, shifted from
14 flushing or throwing food waste away to vermicomposting, five
15 hundred-twenty tons of waste could be diverted from Hawaii's
16 wastestream each year; and
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18 WHEREAS, a vermicomposting income tax credit would provide
19 an incentive for taxpayers to dispose of their organic waste by
20 vermicomposting; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2011, that the Department of Taxation is requested to conduct
25 a study to determine the means of establishing a vermicomposting
26 income tax credit; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and
29 the Department of Agriculture are requested to assist the
30 Department of Taxation in conducting this study; and
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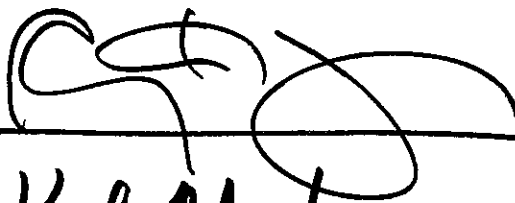


1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Taxation is
2 requested to report its findings and recommendations, including
3 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2012; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Taxation, the
9 Director of Health, and the Chairperson of the Board of
10 Agriculture.

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